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Panmen ear tests start tomorrow

PAN Trinbago has concluded arrangements with Dr. Aziz, ear specialist, to have tests run on all panmen within the organisation.

Dr. Aziz will begin his tests tomorrow, at the General Hospital with ten players and three tuners from Nestle's Ambassadors Steel Orchestra.

The tests will continue on Tuesday with the same number of men from the same band.

Mr. Peter Aleong, Pan Trinbago's public relations officer, said yesterday that members of all steelbands will be tested.

"We are giving close attention to this situation, Mr. Aleong said, "And since we have to start somewhere, we decided to start with Nestle's Ambassadors."

Mr. Aleong stated, too, that Dr. Aziz will not be dealing with any individual steelband or individual member of any steelband, but that any action

in connection with this exercise must be channelled through Pan Trinbago.

Panmen normally do not practice on Mondays and Tuesdays, Mr. Aleong explained, and this is why those days have been selected for the tests.

In this way, the men will not have been exposed to the pan noise for some time prior to the hearing tests, and they will again be tested 48 hours after the initial tests, after they have again been exposed to pan noise.

Mr. Roy Augustus, president of Pan Trinbago, and Mr. Aleong ask that the men selected from Nestle's Ambassadors be at the General Hospital not later than 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The men selected are : H. Peters, S. Smith, C. Smith, B. Boland, R. Garcia, G. Martin, F. Long, W. Davis, L. Goodridge and L. Sharpe.